(b) and (c). The prices of various grades of coal which was last revised with effect from 1/1/89 are still in force. The weighted average price per tonne on CIL's overall production of coal was Rs. 274.20, Rs. 268.70 and Rs. 262.89 during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively.

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Political Asylum to Elected Representative of Myanmar

4629. SHIR HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some elected representatives of Myanmar (Burma) have sought political asylum in India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four Myanmar MPs who crossed into India, were given political asylum on humanitarian grounds with permission for them to stay in India till such time as conditions become conducive for their safe return to their country. This permission however has been granted on the condition that they would not indulge in any political activity during their sojourn on Indian territory.

Exploitation of Coal in Collaboration with Japan

4630. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agreement with Japan for exploitation of coal by Singareni Collieries Company through open cast mining at Ramagundam has been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) According to information available with the Ministry of Coal, no agreement has been entered into with Japan for mining of coal at Ramagundam by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

(b) Does not arise.

Explosions in ONGC Project at Uran

4631. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in June 1991 two explosions have occurred in ONGC project at Uran (Maharashtra);

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the loss sustained due to these explosions in terms of money and human lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Entry of Multi-Nationals in Fishing Trade

4632. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether multi-nationals have ben allowed in fishing trade in the Indian ocean and Bay of Bengal;